

2.0 RESPONSE

2.1 CHANGE OF COUNSEL

Applicant notes for the record that representation of this matter has been transferred to the newly appointed undersigned representative at customer number 23632. Authorization for the transfer of this matter has been granted by through the concurrently filed revocation of power of attorney, new power of attorney, and change of customer number/correspondence address.

The new attorney docket number for this case is TS6738/GIP033(29402.16).

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's so noting of this in all subsequent communication with the undersigned representative, and that the attorney docket number for this file be corrected to reflect this change. The new undersigned representative's contact information is as follows:

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2.2 STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-32 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-32 have been canceled herein without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Claims 33-82 have been added herein, and are now pending in the case.

According to 37 C. F. R. § 1.121(c) (revised), a copy of all pending claims is provided in the amendment section, and identified as to their status.

2.3 SUPPORT FOR THE PENDING CLAIMS

Complete support for the language of all pending claims can be found throughout the original claims, Specification and figures as originally filed.

Support for the pending claims exists throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for new claim 33 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 16, Examples 5 and 6, and on page 5, paragraph 17, and pages 5-6, paragraph 20; support for new claims 34 and 35 is found throughout the Specification and at

least on page 9, paragraphs 26 and 27; support for new claim 36 and 37 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 9, paragraph 25. Likewise, support for new claims 38-39 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 10, paragraph 29. Support for new claim 40 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 10, paragraph 30. Support for new claims 41-42 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on pages 9 and 10, and in Examples 5 and 6 on page 16, and on page 5, paragraph 17, and pages 5-6, paragraph 20.

New claim 43 corresponds substantially to original claim 3, and support is found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 3, paragraph 11, and page 4, paragraph 15. New claims 44-50 find specific support on page 11 of the Specification, paragraphs 31-32. New claims 51-52 find specific support in the Specification, at least on pages 10-11, and in Examples 5 and 6 found on page 16. Additional support is also found on page 5, paragraph 17, and pages 5-6, paragraph 20.

New claims 53-55 correspond essentially to original claims 26 and 27, and specific support is found on page 12, paragraph 36. Claims 56-58 correspond essentially to original claim 25, with additional support found in the Specification on page 12, paragraph 36, and page 4 paragraph 16.

New claims 59-60 find specific support on page 13, paragraphs 37 and 38, as do new claims 61-64 (which correspond substantially to original claims 21-24. New claims 65-69 correspond substantially to original claims 28-32, and additional support for the claims may be found in the Specification on page 13, and also on pages 14-15 in Example 1.

Support for new claims 70 and 71 can be found throughout the Specification, and at least on page 16, Examples 5 and 6. Claims 72-74 correspond to the subject matter described in Examples 5 and 6, and particular support is found on page 16, and in the original claims as filed.

Support for new claim 75 is found throughout the Specification, and at least on pages 11-12, paragraph 33. Support for new claim 76 is found throughout the Specification, and particularly in Example 3 on page 15. New claims 77-82 correspond substantially to original claim 2 and its dependencies, including the exemplary compositions illustrated in Examples 5 and 6.

In light of the claims canceled to date, no fees should be required for the new claims. It will be understood that no new matter is included within any of the revised claims.

2.4 THE VARIOUS REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U. S. C. §§ 102 AND 103 ARE MOOT.

The Action at pages 2-3 rejects claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 25 allegedly as being anticipated by Evans et al. (U.S. 3,047,535).

The Action at pages 4-5 rejects claims 1-9, 12-20, and 25 allegedly as being anticipated by Kondo et al. (U.S. 5,853,896).

The Action at pages 6-7 rejects claims 1-20, and 25 allegedly as being anticipated by Azzopardi et al. (U.S. 5,997,943).

The Action at pages 7-8 rejects claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12-14, and 25 allegedly as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al. (U.S. 6,706,798).

The Action at pages 8-10 rejects claims 1-4, 7-9, 12, 13, and 25-27 allegedly as being anticipated by Akamatsu et al. (U.S. Pat. Publ. 2003/0077457).

The Action at pages 10-11 rejects claims 21-24 and 28-32 allegedly as being anticipated and/or made obvious by various combinations of the aforementioned references.

The Action at pages 11-12 rejects claims 4, 6, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 20 allegedly as being obvious in view of Evans et al. (supra) either alone, or further in view of one or more of the aforementioned references.

In each such rejection, Applicants respectfully traverse.

However, in the interest of an efficient and cost-effective prosecution of this case, and in the interest of presenting claims to particular embodiments of the invention mindful of patent term considerations, and prosecution costs, to facilitate an expedited prosecution and allowance of claims to particular subject matter, Applicants have canceled claims 1-32 without prejudice and without disclaimer. As such, the various rejections of the pending claims are moot. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejections be withdrawn, and that subsequent examination be directed to the subject matter of the pending claims, claims 34-82.

Applicants believe that the pending claims are fully enabled by the Specification, that all pending claims are definite, and free of the cited prior art.

2.5 REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Pursuant to M. P. E. P. § 713.01 and 37 C. F. R. §1.133, owing to a change in primary counsel for the present application, a telephone call to the new undersigned Applicant's representative is earnestly solicited within 30 days' receipt and consideration of the present paper

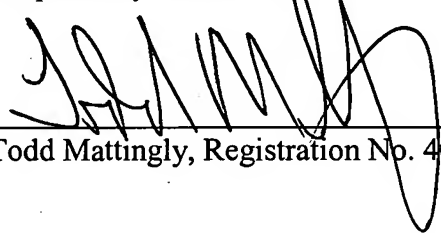
for the purpose of scheduling an Examiner Interview prior to the issuance of a further Action on the merits to discuss the claims as are now in condition for allowance, and to address any particular remaining issues in the mind of the Examiner once he has had the opportunity to review this response.

2.6 CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are now fully acceptable under all sections of the Statutes and are now in conditions for ready allowance, and that all of the previous concerns of the Examiner in the pending application have now been satisfactorily resolved. Applicants further respectfully request, therefore, the withdrawal of all rejections and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the case with all due speed. Applicants also note for the record their explicit right to re-file claims to one or more aspects of the invention as originally claimed in one or more continuing application(s) retaining the priority claim from the present and parent cases.

Should the Examiner have any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' new representative would be appreciated.

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